User Guide

*Ag*GPS®252 Receiver

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– Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
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Introduction

Welcome to the *Ag*GPS 252 Receiver User Guide. This manual:

- Describes how to install and configure the Trimble® *Ag*GPS® 252 receiver.

- Provides guidelines for connecting the receiver to an external device.

- Provides guidelines for using the AgRemote utility to view and configure the receiver correction sources and other operating parameters.

Even if you have used other Global Positioning System (GPS) products before, Trimble recommends that you spend some time reading this manual to learn about the special features of this product.

If you are not familiar with GPS, go to the Trimble website at www.trimble.com for an interactive look at Trimble and GPS.

Warnings

Always follow the instructions that accompany a warning.

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Related Information

Release notes describe new features, provide information that is not included in the manuals, and identify changes to the manuals. You can download release notes from the Trimble website.

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If you have a problem and cannot find the information you need in the product documentation, ***contact your local Trimble Reseller***.

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Overview

In this chapter:

- ■ Standard Features of the AgGPS 252 Receiver
- ■ Receiver Connections
- ■ Receiver Input/Output
- ■ LED Indicator
- ■ GPS Positioning Methods
- ■ Sources of Error in GPS Positioning

This chapter describes the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver and gives an overview of GPS, DGPS, and related information. When used with a Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) base station, the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver provides RTK positioning for high-accuracy, centimeter-level applications. For physical specifications, see Appendix A, Specifications.

Standard Features of the *Ag*GPS 252 Receiver

A standard *Ag*GPS 252 receiver provides the following features:

- 12 GPS (C/A-code) tracking channels, code carrier channels

- Horizontal RTK positioning accuracy 2.5 cm (0.98 in) + 2 ppm, 2 sigma; vertical RTK positioning accuracy 3.7 cm (1.46 in) + 2 ppm, 2 sigma

- Submeter differential accuracy (RMS), assuming at least five satellites and a PDOP of less than four

- Combined GPS/DGPS receiver and antenna

- System level cable

- *AgRemote* utility with four-button keypad to configure and view system properties (download from the Trimble website at www.trimble.com)

- LED status indicator

- The receiver outputs a 1 PPS (pulse per second) strobe signal on both ports. This signal enables an external instrument to synchronize its internal time with a time derived from the very accurate GPS system time.

- WAAS differential correction compatibility

- *Ag*GPS 170 Field Computer compatibility

- EVEREST™ multipath rejection technology

- OmniSTAR VBS and HP positioning compatibility

- Two ports that support both CAN 2.0B and RS-232:

  CAN

  – J1939 and NMEA 2000 messages

  Note – *The AgGPS 252 is ISO 11783 compliant. It supports some ISO 11783 messages.*

  RS-232

– NMEA-0183 output: GGA, GLL, GRS, GST, GSA, GSV, MSS, RMC, VTG, ZDA, XTE (the default NMEA messages are GGA, GSA, VTG, and RMC)

PTNLDG, PTNLEV, PTNLGGK, PTNLID, and PTNLSM are Trimble proprietary NMEA output messages.

– RTCM SC-104 output

– Trimble Standard Interface Protocol (TSIP) input and output

Receiver Connections

Figure 2.1 shows the connector ports and the LED indicator on the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver.
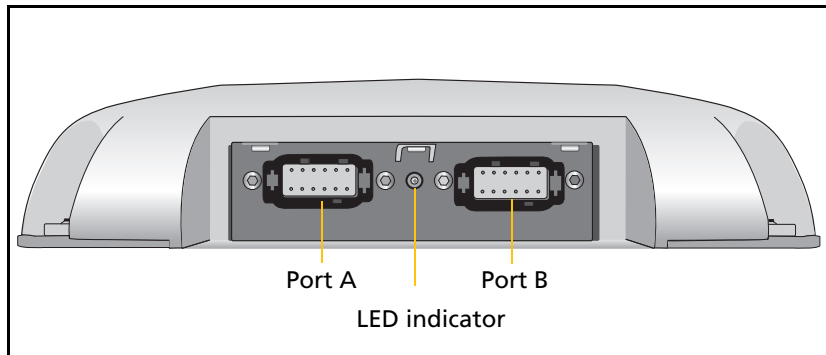

Figure 2.1   *Ag*GPS 252 receiver connector ports

The two connectors (Port A and Port B) can perform the following functions:

- accept power
- accept TSIP, RTCM, ASCII, and (if enabled) CMR inputs
- output RTCM, TSIP, and NMEA messages
- output 1 PPS signals

•   provide support for the J1939 (CAN) serial bus

For more information about the inputs, outputs, and LED indicators, see the information in the rest of this section.

Receiver Input/Output

The *Ag*GPS 252 receiver data/power cable (P/N 50166) connects to a receiver connector port to supply power. It also enables the following data exchanges:

- TSIP, RTCM, and ASCII input from an external device

  The receiver is able to receive ASCII data from an external device, convert this data into an NMEA message, and export the message to another device. TSIP command packets configure and monitor GPS and DGPS parameters. The receiver is also able to accept RTCM data from an external device, such as a radio.

- CMR input from an external device

  If the receiver is to be used in RTK mode, set the port that is connected to the radio to the **RtkLnk** protocol. This protocol enables the receiver to receive CMR messages.

- TSIP and NMEA output to an external device

  When you are using an external radio, the receiver can also receive DGPS corrections.

  TSIP is input/output when communicating with AgRemote.

  NMEA is output when the receiver is exporting GPS position information to an external device, such as a yield monitor, or to a mapping software program.

  For more information on the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) and Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) communication standard for GPS receivers, go to the following websites:

  – www.nmea.org

–   www.rtcm.org

On the Trimble website ((www.trimble.com), refer to the document called *NMEA-0183 Messages Guide for AgGPS Receivers*.

•   1 PPS output

To synchronize timing between external instruments and the internal clock in the receiver, the connection port outputs a strobe signal at 1 PPS (pulse per second). To output this signal, the receiver must be tracking satellites and computing GPS positions.

•   J1939 (CAN) bus

Both connection ports on the receiver support the J1939 Controller Area Network (CAN) bus protocol. This protocol standardizes the way multiple microprocessor-based electronic control units (ECUs) communicate with each other over the same pair of wires. It is used in off-highway machines, such as those used in agriculture, construction, and forestry.

For more information, go to the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International website at www.sae.org/servlets/index.

•   ISO 11783 messages

Both CAN ports support some ISO 11783 messages.

Position output format

The *Ag*GPS receiver outputs positions in Degrees, Minutes, and Decimal Minutes (DDD°MM.m'). This is the NMEA standard format and is commonly used worldwide for data transfer between electronic equipment.

LED Indicator

The *Ag*GPS 252 receiver has an LED light that shows the status of the receiver. The following tables describe the light sequences for each positioning method.

Table 2.1 LED sequences with Satellite Differential GPS or Autonomous positioning

LED color	LED flash	Status
Off	Off	No power
Green	Solid	Normal operation: computing DGPS positions
Green	Slow	No DGPS corrections: computing DGPS positions using old corrections
Green	Fast	No DGPS corrections approaching DGPS age limit: computing DGPS positions using old corrections
Yellow	Solid	DGPS corrections being received but DGPS positions not yet being computed: computing autonomous GPS positions
Yellow	Slow	No DGPS corrections: computing autonomous GPS positions
Yellow	Fast	Not enough GPS signals: not tracking enough satellites to compute position

Note – WAAS/EGNOS and OmniSTAR VBS use the Satellite Differential GPS positioning method.

Table 2.2 LED sequences with RTK positioning

LED color	LED flash	Status
Off	Off	No power
Green	Solid	Normal operation: computing fixed RTK positions
Green	Slow	Receiving CMR corrections but not initialized: computing float RTK positions
Green	Fast	No CMR corrections: computing RTK position using old corrections

Table 2.2   LED sequences with RTK positioning (continued)

LED color	LED flash	Status
Yellow	Solid	Receiving CMR corrections but unable to calculate RTK position: computing DGPS (if WAAS/EGNOS is unavailable) or autonomous position
Yellow	Slow	No CMR corrections: computing DGPS or autonomous position
Yellow	Fast	Not receiving CMR corrections: not computing positions

Table 2.3   LED sequences with OmniSTAR HP positioning

LED color	LED flash	Status
Off	Off	No power
Green	Solid	Normal operation: computing converged OmniSTAR HP positions
Green	Slow	Receiving OmniSTAR HP corrections, but only able to compute unconverged position
Green	Fast	Receiving OmniSTAR HP corrections, but an HP error occurred
Yellow	Solid	Receiving OmniSTAR HP corrections but unable to calculate a position: computing DGPS or autonomous solution
Yellow	Slow	No OmniSTAR HP corrections: computing DGPS or autonomous position
Yellow	Fast	Not tracking OmniSTAR HP corrections: no positions

GPS Positioning Methods

GPS positioning systems are used in different ways to provide different levels of accuracy. Accuracy is measured in absolute terms (you know exactly where you are in a fixed reference frame).

Table 2.4 summarizes the GPS positioning methods. Imperial units in this table are rounded to two decimal places. The values shown are 2 sigma.

Table 2.4   Absolute accuracy of GPS positioning methods

GPS positioning method	Corrections used	Approximate absolute accuracy
Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) GPS	Trimble CMR corrections broadcast by a local base station	2.5 cm (0.98 in) + 2 ppm horizontal accuracy, 3.7 cm (1.46 in) + 2 ppm vertical accuracy
Satellite Differential GPS	OmniSTAR VBS	78 cm (30.71 in)
Satellite Differential GPS	WAAS/EGNOS	95 cm (37.40 in)
OmniSTAR HP Differential GPS	OmniSTAR HP	10 cm (3.94 in) after the signal has fully converged[1]

[1] Convergence time can vary, depending on the environment. Time to the first fix (submeter accuracy) is typically <30 seconds; time to the first high accuracy fix (<10 cm accuracy) is typically <30 minutes.

For more information about each positioning method, see below.

RTK GPS positioning

The *Ag*GPS 252 receiver uses the RTK positioning method to achieve centimeter-level accuracy. To use the RTK method, you must first set up a base station. The base station uses a radio link to broadcast RTK corrections to one or more rover receivers. The *Ag*GPS 252 receiver is a rover receiver, so another compatible receiver, such as a Trimble MS750™ or *Ag*GPS 214 GPS receiver, must be used as the base station.

The rover receiver uses RTK corrections from the base station to calculate its position to centimeter-level accuracy. As part of this process, the rover receiver must calculate an initialization. This takes a few seconds. While the receiver is initializing, an RTK Float solution is generated. Once initialized, an RTK Fixed solution is generated. It is the RTK Fixed solution that provides centimeter-level accuracy.

The parts per million (ppm) error is dependent on the distance (baseline length) between the base and rover receiver. For example, if the distance is 10 km, a 2 ppm error equals 20 mm.

For more information about RTK positioning, go to the Trimble website at www.trimble.com/gps/

Differential GPS positioning (DGPS)

For differential positioning, the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver uses corrections from WAAS/EGNOS satellites or from OmniSTAR VBS or HP satellites.

These differential systems use special algorithms to provide differential corrections that allow the rover receiver to calculate its position more accurately.

Free corrections

WAAS/EGNOS corrections are free in North America and Europe. For more information about WAAS, go to the Federal Aviation Administration website at http://gps.faa.gov/Programs/WAAS/waas.htm.

For more information about EGNOS, go to the European Space Agency website at www.esa.int/export/esaSA/GGG63950NDC_navigation_0.html.

Subscription-based corrections

The *Ag*GPS 252 receiver uses OmniSTAR HP or OmniSTAR VBS differential corrections in the same way that it uses WAAS/EGNOS corrections.

OmniSTAR corrections are provided on a subscription basis.

The corrections that are produced by OmniSTAR HP algorithms are more accurate than the corrections that are produced by OmniSTAR VBS algorithms. The accuracy of the positions reported using OmniSTAR HP increases with the time that has elapsed since the

instrument was turned on. This process is called ***convergence***. Convergence to where the error is estimated to be below 30 cm (approximate 12 inches) typically takes around 20 minutes. Factors that influence the time to convergence include the environment, the geographical location, and the distance to the closest OmniSTAR corrections base station. OmniSTAR is continually improving the service.

For more information about OmniSTAR, go to the OmniSTAR website at www.omnistar.com. For information about activating an OmniSTAR subscription, see OmniSTAR, page 29.

Autonomous GPS positioning

Autonomous GPS positioning uses no corrections. The rover receiver calculates its position using only the GPS signals it receives. This method does not have high absolute accuracy, but the relative accuracy is comparable to the other methods.

Sources of Error in GPS Positioning

The GPS positioning method influences the accuracy of the GPS position that is output by the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver. The factors described in Table 2.5 also affect GPS accuracy.

Table 2.5   Factors that influence the accuracy of GPS positions

Condition	Optimum value	Description
Atmospheric effects		GPS signals are degraded as they travel through the ionosphere. The error introduced is in the range of 10 meters. The error is removed by using a differential or RTK positioning method.
Number of satellites used	> 5	To calculate a 3D position (latitude and longitude, altitude, and time), four or more satellites must be visible. To calculate a 2D position (latitude and longitude, and time), three or more satellites must be visible. For RTK positioning, five satellites are needed for initialization. Once initialized, four or more satellites provide RTK positions. The number of visible satellites constantly changes and is typically in the range 5 through 9. The *Ag*GPS receiver can track up to 12 satellites simultaneously.
		Note – To see when the maximum number of GPS satellites are available, use the Trimble Planning software and a current ephemeris (satellite history) file. Both files are available free from the Trimble website at www.trimble.com.
Maximum PDOP	< 4	Position Dilution of Precision (PDOP) is a unitless, computed measurement of the geometry of satellites above the current location of the receiver. A low PDOP means that the positioning of satellites in the sky is good, and therefore good positional accuracy is obtained.
Signal-to-noise ratio	> 6	Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is a measure of the signal strength against electrical background noise. A high SNR gives better accuracy.
		Normal values are:
		• GPS6
		• WAAS3+
		• OmniSTAR HP/VBS6+

Table 2.5   Factors that influence the accuracy of GPS positions (continued)

Condition	Optimum value	Description
Minimum elevation	> 10	Satellites that are low on the horizon typically produce weak and noisy signals and are more difficult for the receiver to track. Satellites below the minimum elevation angle are not tracked.
Multipath environment	Low	Multipath errors are caused when GPS signals are reflected off nearby objects and reach the receiver by two or more different paths. The receiver incorporates the EVEREST multipath rejection option.
RTCM-compatible corrections		These corrections are broadcast from a Trimble *Ag*GPS 214, MS750, or equivalent reference station.
RTK Base station coordinate accuracy		For RTK positioning, it is important to know the base station coordinates accurately. Any error in the position of the base station affects the position of the rover; every 10 m of error in a base station coordinate can introduce up to 1 ppm scale error on every measured baseline. For example, an error of 10 m in the base station position produces an error of 10 mm over a 10 km baseline to the rover. For more information about how to make sure the position of your base station is accurate, refer to the manual for your base station receiver.
Multiple RTK base stations		If you are using several base stations to provide RTK corrections to a large site area, all base stations must be coordinated relative to one another. If they are not, the absolute positions at the rover will be in error. For more information about how to use several base stations to cover your site, contact your local Trimble Reseller.

Coordinate systems

Geographic data obtained from different sources must be referenced to the same datum, ellipsoid, and coordinate format. Different formats provide different coordinate values for any geographic location. In North America, the datums NAD-27 and NAD-83 are commonly used in Agricultural mapping applications.

The *Ag*GPS 252 receiver outputs position coordinates in several datums and ellipsoids depending on the GPS positioning method being used. See Table 2.6.

Table 2.6 DGPS coordinate systems

GPS positioning method	Datum	Ellipsoid
None – Autonomous mode	WGS-84 [1]	WGS-84
OmniSTAR VBS North American Beams	NAD-83 [2]	GRS-80
OmniSTAR VBS Rest of World Beams	ITRF [3]	GRS-80
OmniSTAR HP	ITRF 2000	ITRF 2000
WAAS Beams	WGS-84	WGS-84
RTK	WGS-84	WGS-84

[1] World Geodetic System (WGS) 1984. Datum and ellipsoid.

[2] North American Datum (NAD) 1983. Equivalent to WGS-84 in North America.

[3] International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF). Contact the DGPS provider for details.

For more information, go to the National Geodetic Survey website at www.ngs.noaa.gov/faq.shtml#WhatDatum

Installing the Receiver

In this chapter:

- System Components
- Mounting the Receiver
- Connecting to an External Device
- Connectors and Pinouts

This chapter describes how to check the equipment that you have received, set up the receiver, and connect the receiver to another device.

System Components

Check that you have received all components for the *Ag*GPS system
that you have purchased. If any containers or components are
damaged, immediately notify the shipping carrier. Components are
listed in the following tables.

Table 3.1   *Ag***GPS 252 receiver (P/N 55500-XX)**

Quantity	Description
1	*Ag*GPS 252 DGPS receiver (P/N 55500-01)
1	System level cable (P/N 50165 or 50166)
1	Mounting plate assembly (P/N 51312-00)
1	Port B plug (P/N 51062)
1	*Ag*GPS 252 Receiver User Guide (this manual, P/N 55510-00-ENG)
1	Warranty Activation Card (P/N 25110-00)
1	OmniSTAR Activation Card (P/N 33965)

Optional extra

You may also have ordered the following item:

Table 3.2   **Receiver option**

Quantity	Description
1	RTK capability (P/N 51264)

Mounting the Receiver

⚠️ <u>**WARNING –** For continued protection against the risk of fire, the power
source (lead) to the model *Ag*GPS 252 receiver should be provided with a
10 A (maximum) fuse.</u>

Secure the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver directly to the mounting plate assembly
(P/N 51312-00) and insert three bolts through the holes that are in the
housing and in the mounting plate assembly. Torque the bolts to 75–
80 inch pounds.

Choosing a location

When choosing a location, consider the following:

Mount the receiver:

- on a flat surface along the centerline of the vehicle

- in any convenient location that is within 5.5 meters (18 ft) of the
  port on the external instrument; if necessary, use the optional
  extension cable to connect the receiver and external device

  *Note – If you are using a Trimble AgGPS Autopilot system,
  please refer to the installation instructions that are provided
  with the Autopilot.*

- at the highest point on the vehicle, with no metal surfaces
  blocking the receiver's view of the sky

- in such a way that it is not damaged when you drive the machine
  into a shed or storage area

Do ***not*** mount the receiver:

- close to stays, electrical cables, metal masts, CB radio antennas,
  cellular phone antennas, air-conditioning units (machine cab
  blower fan), or machine accessory lights

- near transmitting antennas, radar arrays, or satellite
  communication equipment

- near areas that experience high vibration, excessive heat, electrical interference, and strong magnetic fields

  Note – A metal combine grain tank extension can block satellites.

Environmental conditions

Although the receiver has a waterproof housing, you should install it in a dry location. To improve the performance and long-term reliability of the receiver, avoid exposure to extreme environmental conditions, including:

- water
- excessive heat (> 70 °C or 158 °F)
- excessive cold (< –30 °C or –22 °F)
- high vibration
- corrosive fluids and gases

Electrical interference

As far as possible, when you install the receiver, you should avoid placing it near sources of electrical and magnetic noise, such as:

- gasoline engines (spark plugs)
- computer monitor screens
- alternators, generators, or magnetos
- electric motors (blower fans)
- equipment with DC-to-AC converters
- switching power supplies
- radio speakers
- high-voltage power lines

- CB radio antennas

- cellular phone antennas

- machine accessory lights

Connecting to an External Device

After installing the receiver and connecting the appropriate cabling, you can connect the receiver to various external devices. For example:

To connect the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver to ...	use the cable ...
an Autopilot system	P/N 50165 (this cable has no DB9 connector)
a Field computer	P/N 50166
a Yield monitor	P/N 50166
a Trimble SiteNet™ radio, for RTK positioning	P/N 49801

To convert the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver to a Trimble 12-pin conxall cable, use the adapter cable (P/N 50581).

Plug the ...	into ...
Deutsch 12-pin connector	Port A on the back of the receiver
straight DB9-pin connector	the external device
power connectors	a power supply

Note – Do not bend the cable at the Deutsch connector. When you secure the cable, use the supplied P-Clip. The P-Clip provides additional support to the connectors and reduces the risk of damage.

Figure 3.1 shows how to connect the receiver to an external device using the system level cable (P/N 50166).
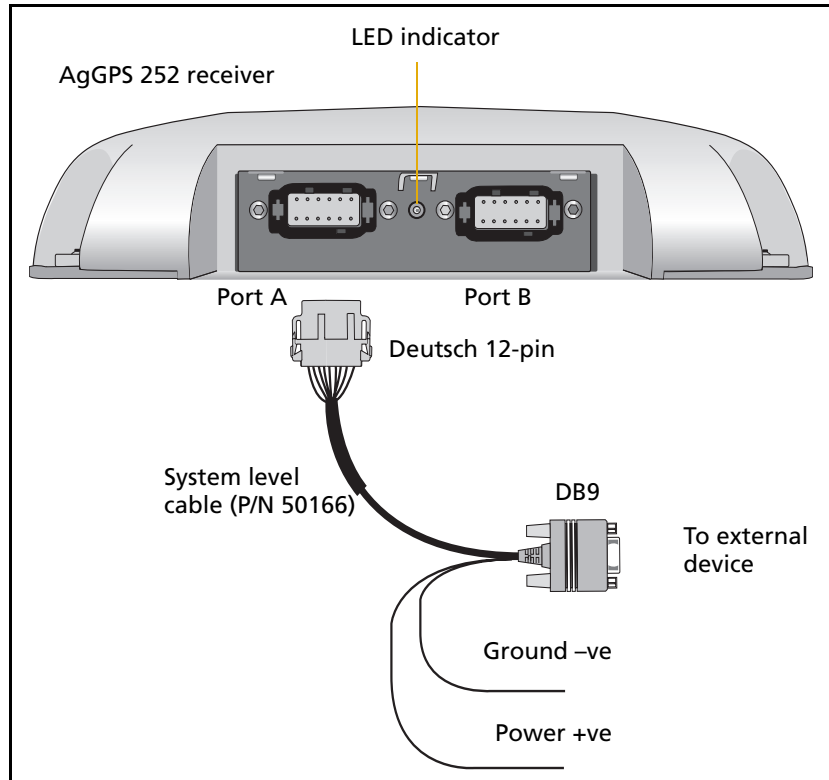
Figure 3.1   Standard power/data cable connections

When routing the cable from the receiver to the external device, avoid:

- sharp objects
- kinks in the cable
- hot surfaces (exhaust manifolds or stacks)
- rotating or moving machinery parts
- sharp or abrasive surfaces

- door and window jams

- corrosive fluids or gases

Note – Do not bend the cable at the Deutsch connector. When you secure the cable, use the supplied P-Clip. The P-Clip provides additional support to the connectors and reduces the risk of damage.

When the cable is safely routed and connected to the receiver, use tie-wraps to secure it at several points, particularly near the base of the receiver, to prevent straining the connection. Coil any slack cable, secure it with a tie-wrap, and tuck it into a safe place.

The external device may have to be configured to work with the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver. The configuration tools for the external device should be provided with the device. For more information about configuring the receiver, see Chapter 4. For information about connecting a particular external device, refer to the manual for that device or contact your local Trimble Reseller.

Note – Use a connector plug (P/N 51062) to cover Port B when that port is not in use. For example, cover Port B when you are using the receiver in a non-RTK mode.

Connectors and Pinouts

Use the following pinout information if you need to wire a cable for use with the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver.
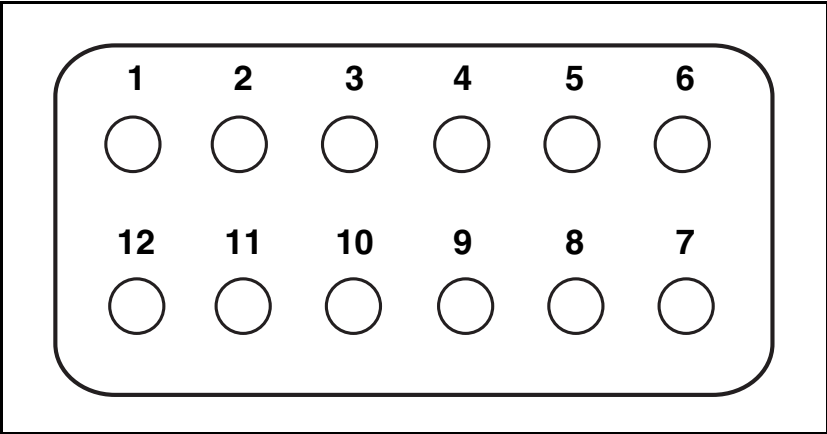
Figure 3.2   *Ag*GPS 252 receiver port pinout

Port A

Port A on the receiver has a 12-pin Deutsch DTM connector. For cables, use the mating connector, Deutsch part number DTM06-12SA.

Viewed from outside the receiver, the Port A connector is on the left. It is the port that is typically used to connect to an Autopilot system.

Table 3.3   Port A pinout

Pin	Name/Function	Comments
1	CAN A High I/O	
2	Port 1 RS232 Tx OUT	When held to ground during power up, puts unit into Monitor mode
3	Port 1 RS232 Rx IN	
4	PPS OUT	

Table 3.3   Port A pinout (continued)

Pin	Name/Function	Comments
5	Signal GND	Used for RS232 and other signals. Should not be connected to V– (battery negative)
6	Port 1 RTS OUT	
7	Event OUT / Alarm OUT	
8	Port 1 CTS IN	
9	Event IN	
10	V+ IN	
11	V- IN	
12	CAN A Low I/O	

Port B

This port has the same connector as Port A, see above. Viewed from outside the receiver, the Port B connector is on the right. It is the port that is typically used to connect to the SiteNet 900 radio.

Table 3.4   Port B pinout

Pin	Name/Function	Comments
1	CAN B High I/O	
2	Port 2 RS232 Tx OUT	
3	Port 2 RS232 Rx IN	
4	PPS OUT	
5	Signal GND	Used for RS232 and other signals. Should not be connected to V– (battery negative)
6	Port 2 RTS OUT or Port 3 RS232 Tx OUT	
7	Event OUT / Alarm OUT	
8	Port 2 CTS IN or Port 3 RS232 Rx IN	

Table 3.4   Port B pinout (continued)

Pin	Name/Function	Comments
9	Event IN	
10	V+ IN / OUT	Maximum output current = 1.25 A
11	V− IN / OUT	Maximum output current = 1.25 A
12	CAN B Low I/O	

Configuring the Receiver

In this chapter:

■ AgRemote Home Screen

■ Configuring Differential GPS

■ Configuring the AgGPS 252 Receiver to Operate in RTK Mode

■ Configuring the Communication Ports

Use either the Autopilot interface or the Trimble AgRemote utility to change configuration settings in the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver. You will need to configure the receiver if you connect to a third-party device, for example.

• If a Trimble *Ag*GPS Autopilot system is configured to use an *Ag*GPS 252 receiver, and the port on the receiver is set to 8-N-1 38.4 K, the Autopilot system automatically configures the receiver.

• The AgRemote utility is available from the Trimble website (www.trimble.com). This chapter describes how to use the utility to perform some common configurations.

Note – OmniSTAR VBS and HP are subscriber services that need to be activated. For more information, see OmniSTAR, page 29.

AgRemote Home Screen

Figure 4.1 shows the AgRemote *Home* screen when WAAS corrections are being received.
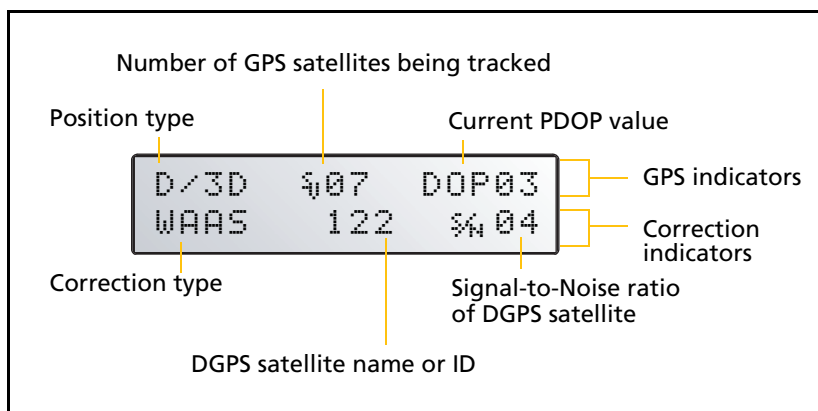
Figure 4.1   AgRemote Home screen

For more information about these fields and how they change as you change GPS mode, refer to the document called *AgRemote Software* on the Trimble website (www.trimble.com) or contact your local Trimble Reseller.

Configuring Differential GPS

For the receiver to output GPS position coordinates of submeter accuracy, you must first select a differential signal from one of the following sources:

- WAAS/EGNOS – free service, limited availability

  The Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) augments GPS with additional signals for increasing the reliability, integrity, accuracy, and availability of GPS in the United States. The European Geostationary Navigation Overlay System (EGNOS) is the European equivalent of WAAS.

- OmniSTAR – paid subscription, available worldwide

    You can use this paid service as an alternative to WAAS/EGNOS. It provides over-the-air DGPS activation.

For more information, see Differential GPS positioning (DGPS), page 11.

OmniSTAR

The *Ag*GPS 252 receiver can use OmniSTAR corrections. To do this, you need to configure the receiver and purchase an OmniSTAR subscription.

Note – To track the OmniSTAR satellite, the receiver must be outside with a clear view of the sky, turned on, and configured to receive OmniSTAR VBS or HP corrections.

To use the AgRemote utility to activate an OmniSTAR subscription:

1. Connect the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver to the computer. Turn on the receiver and start the AgRemote utility. For instructions on how to use AgRemote, refer to the AgRemote documentation.

2. In AgRemote, select *Configuration / DGPS Config*.

3. Set the *Source Select* field to one of the following:

    –   Omnistar HP

    –   Omnistar VBS

4. Set the *EZ Sat: Omni** field to the area you are operating in. For example, if you are working in California, select N. America West.

5. Press **4** then **5** to complete the procedure.

6. Obtain an OmniSTAR licence from OmniSTAR. All licenses are activated over the air. Contact OmniSTAR on 1-888-883-8476 (USA or Canada) and provide the following details:

    –   your billing information

> – serial number
>
> – satellite beam name

OmniSTAR will activate the receiver. Activation can take 5–30 minutes.

WAAS/EGNOS

WAAS is a free satellite-based DGPS service that is available only in North America; EGNOS is a free satellite-based DGPS service that is available only in Europe.

To use the WAAS/EGNOS DGPS signal, you must first configure the receiver.

1. Connect the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver to the computer. Turn on the receiver and start the AgRemote utility.

2. In AgRemote, select *Configuration / DGPS Config*.

3. Set the *Source Select* field to WAAS.

4. Press **4** then **5** to complete the procedure.

To enable WAAS reception in the field:

1. Take the receiver outside. Make sure that it has a clear southeast and southwest view of the sky.

2. Turn on the receiver. WAAS activation can take two or more minutes. Once activation succeeds, the *Home* screen displays D/3D.
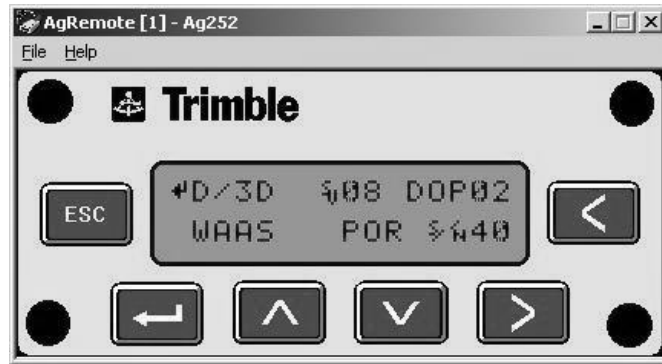
Configuring the *Ag*GPS 252 Receiver to Operate in RTK Mode

Use the AgRemote utility to configure the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver for operation in RTK mode. To configure the receiver:

1.   Connect the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver to the computer. Turn on the receiver and start the AgRemote utility.

2.   In AgRemote, select *Configuration / DGPS Config*.

3.   Set the *Source Select* field to RTK.

4.   Press **4** then **5** to complete this part of the procedure.

5.   For RTK operation, connect the radio to a port. Change the port input settings for that port to RtkLnk.

Configuring the Communication Ports

If the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver is to be connected to an external device, configure Ports A and B so that the proper data type is input to and output from the receiver.

To configure Port A:

1. Connect the *Ag*GPS 252 receiver to the computer. Turn on the receiver and start the AgRemote utility.

2. In AgRemote, select *Configuration / Port A Config*.

3. Use the menu commands to configure the communication ports. Ensure that the receiver outputs the correct GPS position data type for the hardware device or software program that is connected to the receiver.

To configure Port B:

• Repeat the above steps but in Step 2 select *Configuration / Port B Config*.

Configuring input/output communication

The port input and output settings appear in the first screen. In Figure 4.2, the port is set to accept TSIP inputs at a baud rate of 115,000 with a parity of 8-Odd-1. The outputs are TSIP, also at a baud rate of 115,000.
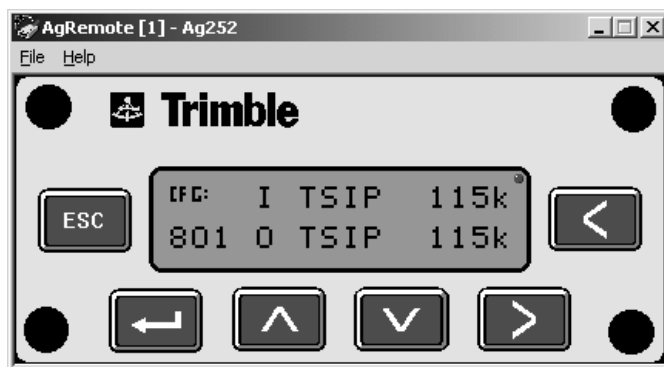
Figure 4.2   Communication settings

Configure the Port Input/Output communication settings for communicating with the *Ag*GPS Autopilot, other external hardware devices, and software programs. Table 4.1 describes the input settings.

Table 4.1   Port input settings

Setting	Description
None	Inputs nothing to the receiver.
TEXTB	The receiver can accept ASCII data from an external device, such as a chlorophyll meter, on Port A, merge it with NMEA GPS data, and output the combined data on Port B. The incoming data must be limited to 66 ASCII characters and terminated by a carriage return and line feed (hex characters 0x0D 0x0A). The NMEA string outputs as $PTNLAG001,<up to 66 ASCII characters>*<2 digit checksum><CR><LF>. For the receiver to output the combined NMEA string, NMEA must be selected as the output protocol on Port B.
TEXTA	See the description for the TEXTB setting (above). TEXTA input outputs text on Port A. The default port settings are 8-N-1 TSIP 38.4 K. These may vary by product.
RTCM	The receiver can accept RTCM data from an external DGPS device, such as an external radio.
TSIP	The receiver can accept or output TSIP data packets from the port when using the optional AgRemote program or using the *Ag*GPS 170 Field Computer.
RtkLnk	The receiver can accept real-time corrections (CMR data) from an external device such as a Trimble radio.

The default port settings are:

		Port A	Port B
Baud rate	**In**	TSIP 38,400	TSIP 38,400
	Out	TSIP 38,400	TSIP 38,400
Data bits		8	8
Parity		None	None
Stop bits		1	1

Note – The AgRemote utility, when connected to an AgGPS 252 receiver receiver, automatically resets the receiver port communication settings to 8-O-1 TSIP 115 K. This enables optimal communication with an office computer. If the receiver is to work with an Autopilot system, however, the receiver port communication settings must be 8-N-1 TSIP 38.4 K. To work with some other devices and software programs, the receiver port communication settings must be 8-N-1 NMEA 4800. If AgRemote has changed the settings, you will need to change them back manually.

When using a Trimble SiteNet 900 radio, make sure that the communication settings are correct in the receiver.

The default settings to use with the SiteNet radio are:

Setting	Description
Baud rate	38,400
Data bits	8
Parity	None
Stop bits	1

Changing the input or output port settings

1. From the *Port A Config* screen, press **2** until the *Port-A Input/Output* screen appears:

```
CFG:    I RTCM 9600
8N1    O NMEA 4800
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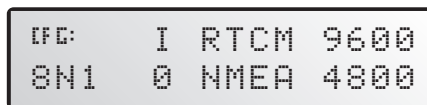
2. Press **3** to activate the cursor.

3. Press **1** or **2** to change the value.

4. Press **3**.

5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until you have set all the required values.

6. Press **4** to save all the changes.

7. Press **2** to move to the next screen.

NMEA settings

Three screens (NMEA1, NMEA2, and NMEA3) show what NMEA messages are output from the port. Message types shown in upper case are being output; message types shown in lower case are not.

For more information about NMEA message types, refer to the document called *NMEA-0183 Messages Guide for AgGPS Receivers* on the Trimble website (www.trimble.com).

Port output rate

This setting can be used to vary the NMEA and TSIP output rate. A setting of 1 outputs one position each second.

ASAP equals the rate selected on the *Filter and Position Rate* screen under the *GPS Config* menu. A setting of ASAP outputs positions five or ten times every second. The default (factory) setting is 1 Hz.

Troubleshooting

In this chapter:

■

■ Problems and Solutions

■ Troubleshooting Flowcharts

This chapter describes some problems that can arise and explains how to solve them. It includes a series of flowcharts to help with troubleshooting.

As you work through this chapter, you may need to view the receiver status or change values in some fields. For information on how to do this, refer to the document called *NMEA-0183 Messages Guide for AgGPS Receivers*. This document is on the Trimble website (www.trimble.com).

Problems and Solutions

If you encounter a problem, try the following solutions.

Global Positioning System (GPS)

Problem	Possible solution
Poor accuracy	
The accuracy of GPS positions is poor because the receiver is picking up poor quality signals from the satellites. The receiver always calculates the most accurate position it can, given the current GPS satellite differential operating conditions.	Change some or all of the following GPS settings: • Minimum elevation – Increase the setting (the default is 8°). • Minimum Signal Strength – Increase the System Mask AMU setting (the default is 3). • Maximum PDOP – Decrease the setting (the default is 13). • GPS Mode – Change to Manual 3D (the default is Auto 2D/3D). • DGPS Mode – Change to DGPS (the default is DGPS Auto/On/Off).
GPS signals are reflecting off nearby trees and/or metal buildings and horizontal surfaces.	To reduce multipath noise, mount the GPS receiver so that it has a clear view of the sky. The receiver must be away from trees and large metal objects.
Intermittent loss of lock on satellite	
The receiver loses the satellite signal from time to time.	Make sure that the receiver is mounted on the highest point of the vehicle and is clear of metal surfaces. Check Maximum PDOP and Minimum Signal Strength settings (see **Poor accuracy**, above).
Intermittent DGPS signal	
The correction signal strength can drop to unusable levels. Causes include tree canopy cover between the receiver and the differential satellite, radar sets, and microwave transmitters.	Move the receiver away from the tree cover and/or from sources of electromagnetic interference.

Problem	Possible solution
Tracking but not receiving a differential signal	

The receiver is tracking satellites and tracking an OmniSTAR satellite beam, but is not receiving DGPS signals. The *Home* screen indicates how many satellites are being tracked, and whether a differential source is being tracked.
 	
You see:
  h-3D for HP not converged
  H-3D for HP converged
  r-3D for RTK float
  R-3D for RTK fixed
  D-3D for DGPS
 	
HP and RTK also give an indication of positional accuracy on the *Home* screen (AgRemote).
	Check that your DGPS service subscription is still current and enabled.
	For OmniSTAR service:
	
	1. Use the AgRemote utility to navigate to one of the following screens, depending on what you are using:
	
	  • the *Omni HP Info*
	
	    Omni VBS Info
	
	2. Press 4 until *Stop Date*
	If the message Access Unknown appears, contact OmniSTAR to reactivate your subscription. For more information, see OmniSTAR, page 29.
	The receiver must be switched on and configured to track the correct satellite coverage beam before it can be reactivated.
	The receiver automatically tracks the correct beam based on receiver geographic location. If the receiver is manually changed, automatic tracking is deactivated until you perform a hard reset or firmware flash.
	When a satellite subscription is activated, the *Home* screen displays D/3D.

Problem	Possible solution
No GPS position output from the receiver after connecting to AgRemote	
When the receiver is connected to the AgRemote utility, AgRemote automatically resets the port communication settings on the receiver to 8-O-1 TSIP 115 K for both input and output. This enables optimal communication with an office computer.	Connect AgRemote. Then reset the port communication settings to NMEA output. For more information, see Configuring the Communication Ports, page 31.
If the receiver is to work with an Autopilot system, however, the receiver port communication settings must be 8-N-1 TSIP 38.4 K. To work with some other devices and software programs, the receiver port communication settings must be 8-N-1 NMEA 4800. If AgRemote has changed the settings, you will need to change them back manually.	
Long time to initialize	
In RTK mode, longer baselines require longer initialization times. (The baseline is the distance between the base receiver and the rover receivers.)	Wait for the receiver to initialize or consider repositioning the base receiver to shorten the baseline. Make sure the rover is in a clear area.
Loss of initialization	
In RTK mode initialization can be lost when the rover receiver is close to trees or buildings and the number of satellites falls below four. Additionally, initialization may be lost if the receiver has not been tracking RTK corrections for some time. For more information, see the next item.	Move away from trees and obstructions to initialize. Once initialized, approach the obstructed area again. If the obstructions are severe, GPS positioning may not work in that area.
	Because the GPS satellites move, there may be times of the day when you are working in an area with obstructions. For more information, see the Trimble Planning software on the Trimble website (www.trimble.com).

Problem	Possible solution
Not tracking RTK corrections	
The radio link is down or intermittent.	• Ensure that the line-of-sight between the base and rover receivers is not obstructed.
	• Ensure that the rover receiver is within range of the radio.
	• Ensure that the radio power supply is on.

Interference

Problem	Possible solution
Strong magnetic fields	
Strong magnetic fields have no effect on GPS or satellite DGPS signals. However, some computers and other electric equipment radiate electromagnetic energy that can interfere with a GPS receiver.	If you suspect interference from a local magnetic field, move the receiver away from, or turn off, the suspect electronics while observing the number of satellites being tracked on the receiver or the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of the satellite. If the SNR goes up when the electronics are turned off, there may be interference from the local electronics.
FM 2-way radios	
Transmitting FM 2-way radios can interfere with OmniSTAR, WAAS, and GPS signal reception.	Make sure that there is at least 1 m (3 ft) between the FM 2-way radio antenna and the receiver.
Engine noise	
An unshielded ignition system can cause enough noise to block reception of a differential signal.	Use resistor spark plug wires on the vehicle ignition system.
An alternator can cause noise that interferes with a differential signal.	Use bypass capacitors, commonly available in automotive stores for cleaning up interference to CB and other radios. If the problem persists, shield engine components with aluminum foil.
	Relocate the antenna on the machine. Determine the optimal antenna location by watching the SNR value on the AgRemote Home screen.
	Note – *Before replacing engine parts in an attempt to solve this problem, make sure that the problem is not caused by a computer or power source near the receiver. Some computers and their power sources cause noise that disrupts GPS and satellite DGPS signals.*

GPS receiver

Problem	Possible solution
Mounting location	
The receiver is not picking up a clear signal.	Mount the receiver on the centerline of the vehicle, away from any sources of interference and with a clear view of the sky (see Choosing a location, page 19).
Cables	
One of the cables seems faulty.	Use an ohmmeter to check the cable. The resistance of a good cable between connector pins at each end of the cable is zero.
	If the cable is sound, but the problem persists, try exchanging the cable with one that you know is working.
	If the cable is defective, contact your local Trimble Reseller for an RMA number (if the Trimble product is still under warranty), or to purchase a replacement cable.
Real-time clock battery	
A lithium-ion battery in the receiver powers the internal real-time clock and so enables the receiver to get a first fix faster. The battery has a life of 7.5 years. When the battery fails, the internal clock cannot keep accurate time and the receiver may take longer to output GPS positions.	Please **contact your local Trimble Reseller** to get the batteries replaced. You cannot replace the battery yourself.
Factory defaults	
You need to restore the receiver factory defaults.	To restore receiver factory default settings:
	Connect the receiver to a computer. Turn on the receiver.
	2. Run the AgRemote utility.
	3. Navigate to the *Clear BB RAM*
	4. Press 2 until Yes appears.
	5. Press ▬.
	The factory default settings are restored. The DGPS service subscription is not lost.

AgRemote utility

Problem	Possible solution
AgRemote cannot communicate with the receiver. All you see is a blank screen.	Make sure that: • the receiver is connected to a 12–32 V DC power source • all cable connections between the receiver and the computer are secure • you are using the correct COM port Select *File* / *Connect*

FlashLoader 200 upgrade utility

Problem	Possible solution
The FlashLoader 200 upgrade utility cannot detect the receiver or download the firmware.	Make sure that: • Other programs, such as AgRemote and Microsoft® ActiveSync® technology, are not using the COM port that the computer is using. • The receiver is connected to a 12–32 V DC power source. • All cables are connected correctly between the device and the computer. • The receiver is connected to the correct computer COM port. To do this: From the FlashLoader 200 menu, select *Settings* Select the check box for a serial link. 3. At *Port*, select Auto. Click **OK**. 4. Select the *Upload firmware to receiver* **Proceed** 6. From the *Auto Port Select dialog,* Use *receiver on port...* **OK** Once you have checked this, turn off the receiver then turn it on again. Try again to connect FlashLoader 200.

Troubleshooting Flowcharts

These flowcharts describe how to troubleshoot problems in the following areas:

- system hardware and power
- GPS reception (no third-party device attached)
- GPS reception (third-party device attached)
- OmniSTAR positioning
- RTK (using the AgRemote utility)

In addition, you may find it useful to review Chapter 3, Installing the Receiver.
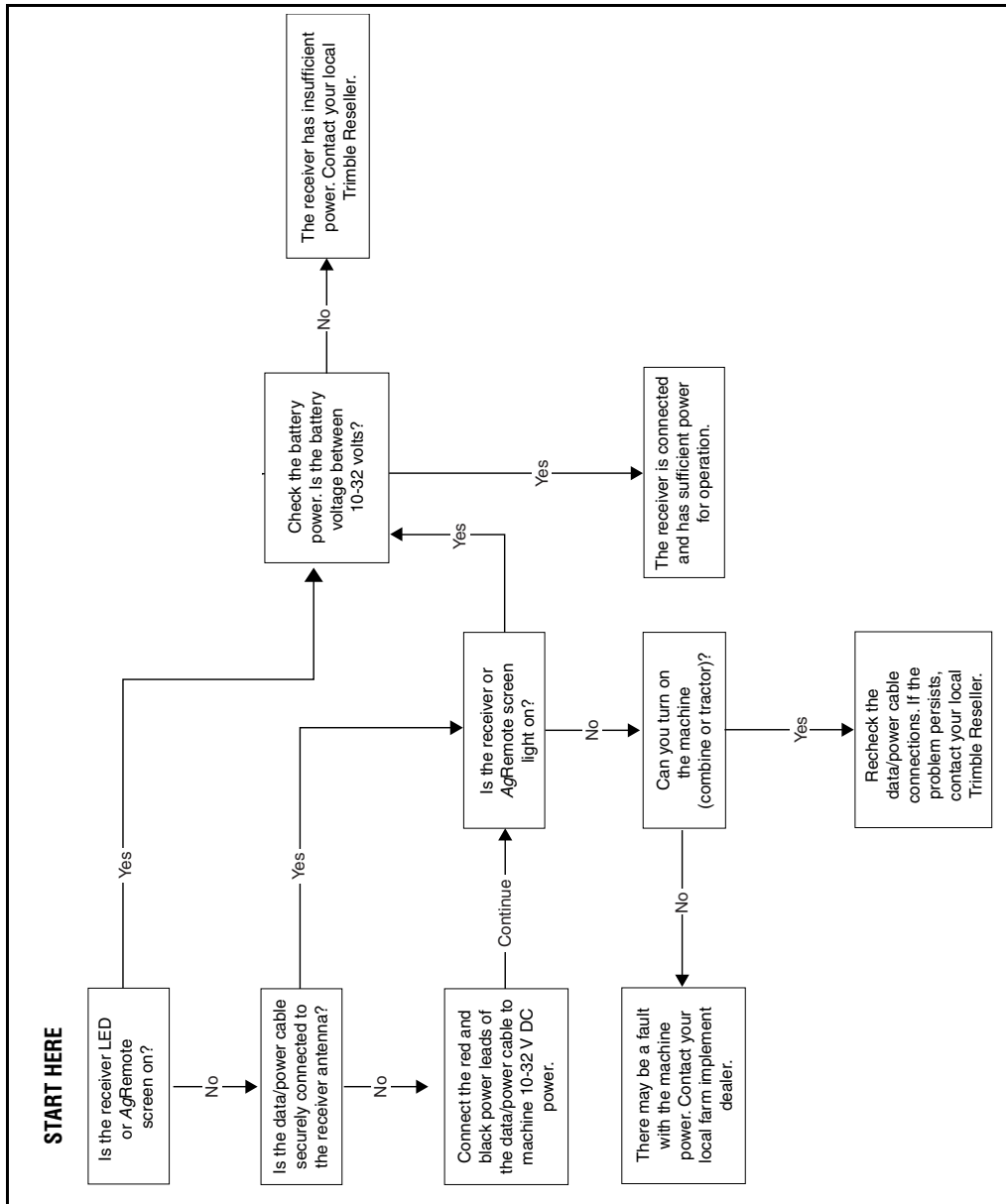
Figure 6.1   Troubleshooting system hardware and power
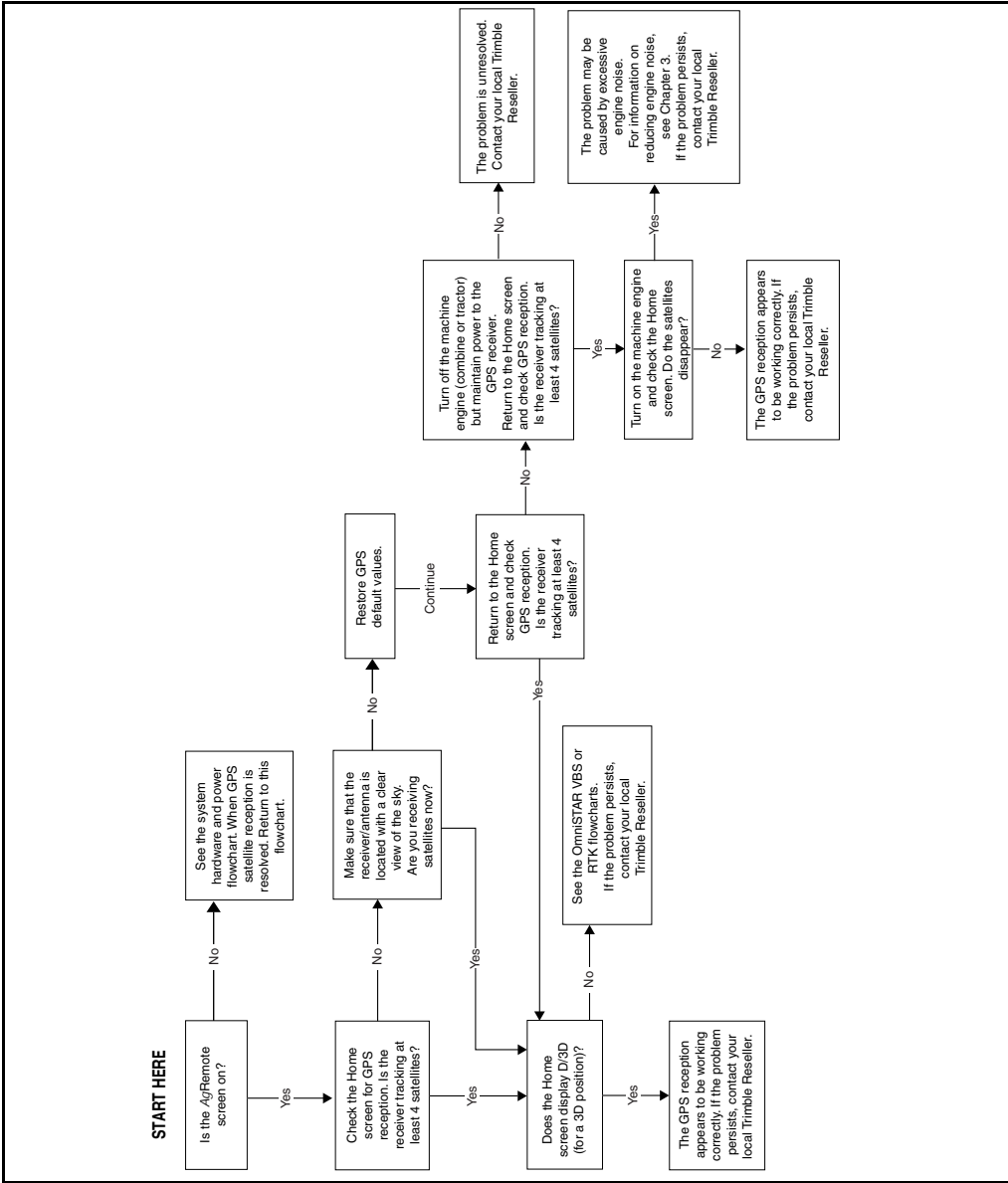
Figure 6.2   Using AgRemote to troubleshoot GPS reception
(no third-party device attached)
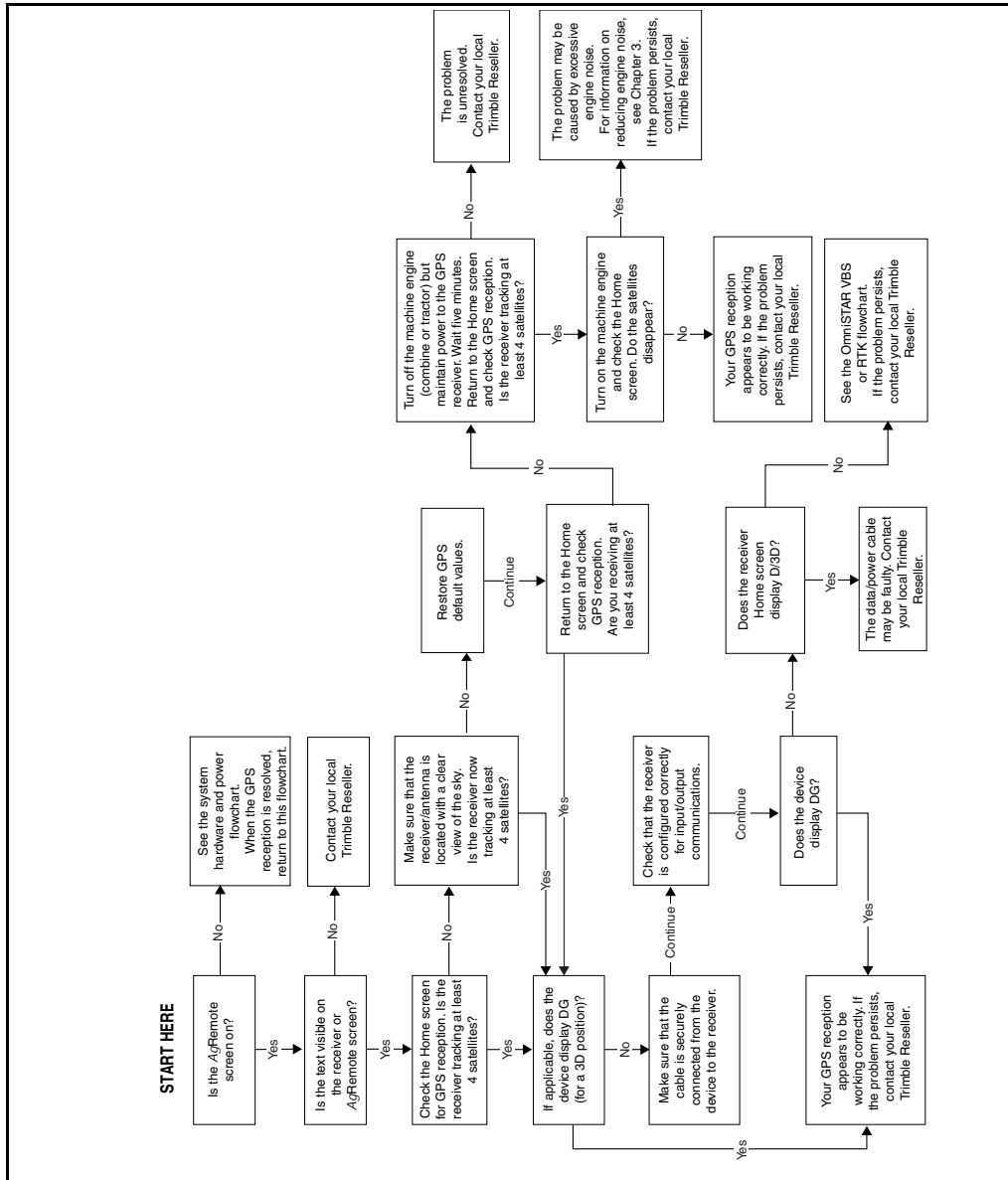
Figure 6.3   Using AgRemote to troubleshoot GPS reception (third-party device attached)

Figure 6.4   Using AgRemote to troubleshoot OmniSTAR positioning
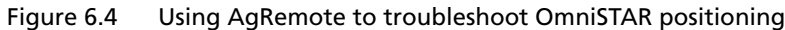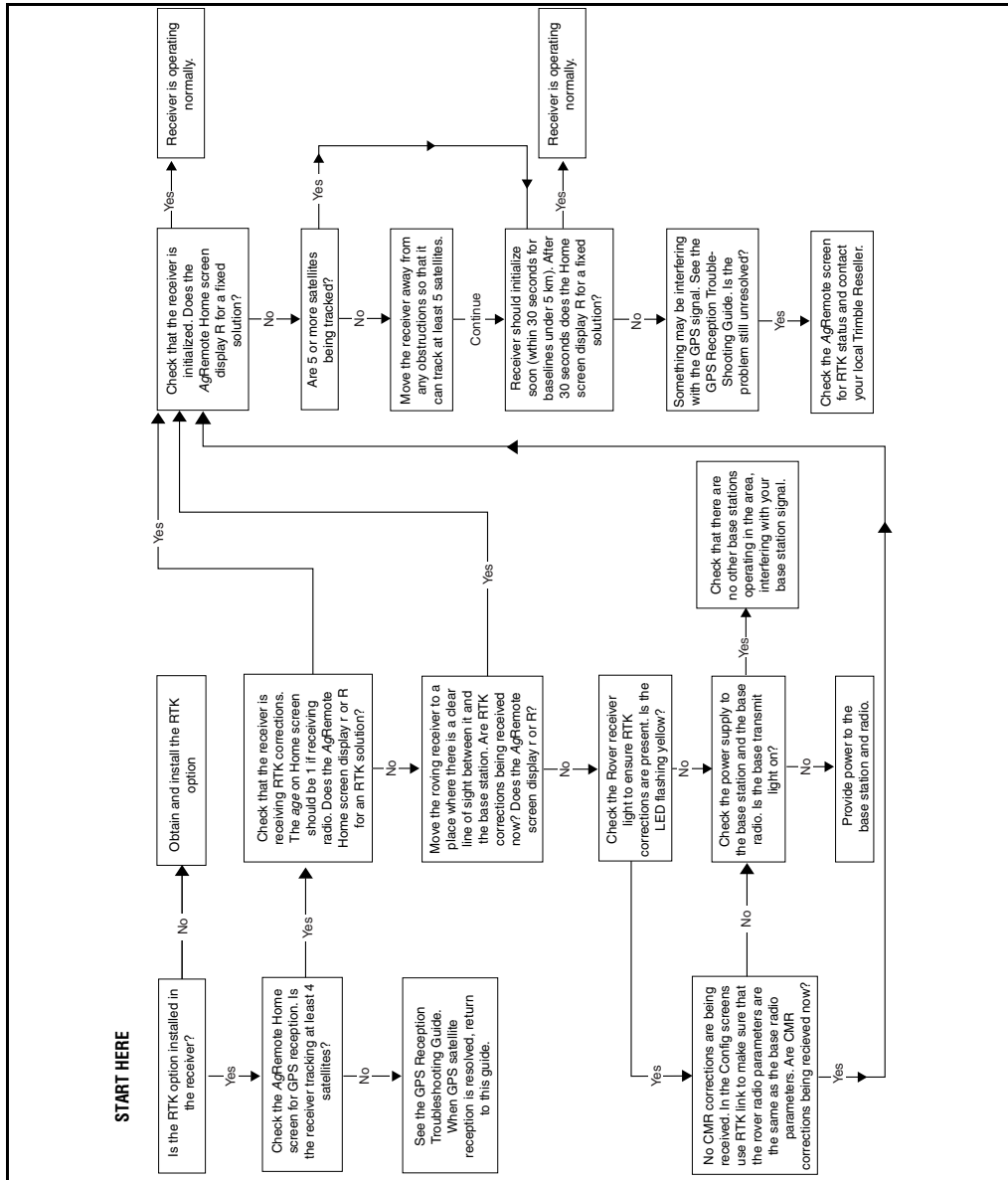
Figure 6.5   Using AgRemote to troubleshoot RTK

Specifications

*Ag*GPS 252 Receiver

Table A.1 lists the physical characteristics of the *Ag*GPS 252 combined GPS/DGPS receiver and antenna:

Table A.1   *Ag*GPS 252 receiver

Item	Description
Size	300 mm (11.7 in) wide x 309 mm (12.05 in) deep x 70 mm (2.73 in) high
Weight	2.1 kg
Power	Nominal 350 mA at 12 V DC
Operating temperature	–30 °C (–22 °F) through +70 °C (+158 °F)
Storage temperature	–40 °C (–40 °F) through +85 °C (+185 °F)
Humidity	Complies with Mil 810E Method 507.3 Procedure III Aggravated Cyclic Humidity.
	Ten 24 hour cycles of constant 95% RH, with cycling temperature and dwells +30 °C (+86 °F) and +60 °C (140 °F). Unit sealed to +/- 5 PSID
Casing	Low-profile UV-resistant plastic. Dust-proof, waterproof, shock resistant, with recessed protected connectors.
Connectors	12-pin Deutsch connectors

Table A.1   *Ag*GPS 252 receiver (continued)

Item	Description
Ports	Two connection ports, both of which support RS-232 and CAN
Mounting	Three holes for 10 mm (0.39 in) bolts
Compliance	FCC Part 15 Class A, C-Tick, E-mark, CE-mark

GPS Channels

Table A.2 lists the performance characteristics of GPS channels.

Table A.2   GPS channels performance

Item	Description
General	12-channel, parallel tracking L1 1571.42 MHz and L2 1227.60 MHz. C/A code and carrier phase filtered measurement.
Update rate	1, 5, 10 Hz
RTK speed accuracy	0.16 kph (0.10 mph)
RTK position accuracy	Horizontal 2.5 cm (0.98 in) + 2 ppm, 2 sigma, and vertical 3.7 cm (1.46 in) + 2 ppm, 2 sigma, if all of the following criteria are met: • At least 5 satellites • PDOP <4 • CMR corrections • Standard format broadcast from a Trimble MS750, *Ag*GPS 214, or equivalent reference station
Differential speed accuracy	0.16 kph (0.1 mph)
Differential position accuracy	Less than 1 m (3.28 ft) horizontal if all of the following criteria are met: • At least 5 satellites • PDOP <4 • RTCM SC-104 corrections • Standard format broadcast from a Trimble MS750, *Ag*GPS 214, or equivalent reference station
OmniSTAR HP speed accuracy	0.16 kph (0.1 mph)

Table A.2   GPS channels performance (continued)

Item	Description
OmniSTAR HP position accuracy	10 cm (3.94 in) after convergence, 2 sigma, if all the following criteria are met: • At least 5 satellites • PDOP <4 • OmniSTAR HP corrections Convergence time can vary, depending on the environment. Time to the first fix (submeter accuracy) is typically <30 seconds; time to the first useable fix (<10 cm accuracy) is typically <30 minutes.
Time to first fix	<30 seconds, typical
Multipath mitigation	EVEREST technology
Satellite differential compatibility	OmniSTAR, WAAS, and EGNOS
NMEA messages	GGA 1 1[1], GLL, GSA1, GST, GSV, GST, MSS, PTNLDG, PTNL PJK, PTNL PJT, PTNL VGK, PTNL VHD, PTNLEV, PTNLID, PTNLSM, RMC1, VGK, VTG1, XTE, ZDA

[1] By default, the receiver is configured to output GCA, GSA, RMC, and VTG messages at a 1 Hz (1 position per second) update rate.

L-Band Satellite Differential Correction Receiver

Table A.3 lists the characteristics of the L-band satellite differential correction receiver with OmniSTAR support.

Table A.3   L-Band satellite differential correction receiver with OmniSTAR support

Item	Description
Bit error rate	10^{-5} for Eb/N of >5.5 dB
Acquisition and reacquisition time	<5 seconds, typical
Frequency band	1525–1559 MHz
Channel spacing	0.5 kHz

Receiver Default Settings

Table A.4 lists the receiver default settings.

Table A.4   Receiver default settings

Item	Description
DGPS source	WAAS/EGNOS
Dynamics	Land
Minimum elevation	8°
AMU mask	3
PDOP mask	13
PDOP 2D/3D switch	11
DGPS mode	Auto On/Off
DGPS correction age limit	250 seconds
Pos fix rate	1 Hz

Third-Party Interface Requirements

Third-Party Software

Table B.1 lists the interface requirements for connecting an *Ag*GPS receiver to third-party software.

Use cable P/N 50166, or 30945 plus 50581, when connecting to the third-party software products listed.

Table B.1   Third-party software interface requirements

Software	Company	Protocol	NMEA messages	Baud	Other	Pos rate
AgView	GIS Solutions	NMEA	VTG, GLL	4800	8-N-1	1Hz
FarmGPS	Red Hen	NMEA	GGA, GSA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1Hz
Field Rover	SST Dev Group	NMEA	GGA, GSA, GSV, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1Hz
FieldLink DOS	Agris	NMEA	GGA, GSA, VTG	4800 or 9600	8-N-1	1Hz
FieldLink Windows	Agris	NMEA	GGA, GSA, VTG	4800 or 9600	8-N-1	1Hz
Field Worker Pro	Field Worker	NMEA	GGA, GLL, RMC, VTG	4800 or 9600	8-N-1	1Hz

Table B.1   Third-party software interface requirements (continued)

Software	Company	Protocol	NMEA messages	Baud	Other	Pos rate
HGIS	Starpal	NMEA	GGA, RMC	4800 or 9600	8-N-1	1Hz
Instant Survey	Agrilogic (Case-IH)	NMEA	GGA, GSA, RMC	4800	8-N-1	1Hz
Pocket Survey	Agrilogic (Case-IH)	NMEA	GGA, GSA, RMC	4800	8-N-1	1Hz
Sitemate	Farmworks	NMEA	GGA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1Hz

Third-Party Hardware

Table B.2 lists the interface requirements for connecting an *Ag*GPS receiver to third-party hardware.

Table B.2   Third-party hardware interface requirements

Hardware	Company	Protocol	NMEA messages	Baud	Other	Pos rate	Cable P/N
AMS	Raven	NMEA	GGA, VTG	9600	8-N-1	1Hz	
Ag Navigator	Springhill	RTCM		9600	8-N-1	10Hz	
Aim Navigator	Case Tyler	NMEA	GGA	19200	8-N-1	5Hz	50166, or 30945 plus 50581
Contour	Position Inc.	NMEA	GGA	19200	8-N-1	5Hz	
Marker	RDS or Position Inc.	NMEA	GGA	19200	8-N-1	5Hz	
Falcon	Ag Chem	NMEA	GGA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1Hz	

Table B.2   Third-party hardware interface requirements (continued)

Hardware	Company	Protocol	NMEA messages	Baud	Other	Pos rate	Cable P/N
Falcon w/ Falcon Track LBAR	Ag Chem	NMEA	GGA, VTG	19200	8-N-1	10Hz	
Swath Smart or RGL 500 (LB-5 for Raven)	Raven, Starlink manufactured	NMEA	GGA, VTG or RMC	19200	8-N-1	10hz	50166, or 30945 plus 50581
LB-3, LB-4, and LB-5	Starlink	NMEA	GGA, VTG or RMC	19200	8-N-1	10hz	
YM2000 Yield Monitor [1]	Ag Leader	NMEA	GGA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	39903 plus 50581
PF3000 Yield Monitor [1]	Ag Leader	NMEA	GGA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	39903 plus 50581
PF3000Pro Monitor without internal GPS [2]	Ag Leader	NMEA	GGA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	39903 plus 50581
AFS Yield Monitor	Case-IH (Ag Leader YM2000)	NMEA	GGA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	32609 plus 50581
AFS Yield Monitor	Case-IH YMIU (yield monitor interface unit) manufactured by Ag Leader for Case-IH	NMEA	GGA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	32609 plus 50581
GreenStar Yield Monitor [3]	John Deere	NMEA	GGA, GSA, RMC	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	34189 plus 50581
New Holland Yield Monitor	New Holland (Ag Leader PF3000)	NMEA	GGA, VTG	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	39903 plus 50581

Table B.2 Third-party hardware interface requirements (continued)

Hardware	Company	Protocol	NMEA messages	Baud	Other	Pos rate	Cable P/N
VCD (Vision Display Controller)	Rockwell	NMEA	GGA, GLL, VTG, ZDA	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	50166, or 30945 plus 50581
Swath XL	Midtech	NMEA	GGA	19200	8-N-1	5 Hz	50166, or 30945 plus 50581
Caterpillar Cebis Yield Monitor	Claus	NMEA	GGA	4800 or 9600	8-N-1	1 Hz	50166, or 30945 plus 50581
AGCO FieldStar Yield Monitor [4]	AGCO	NMEA	GGA, VTG, GSV, GSA	4800	8-N-1	1 Hz	39903 plus 50581

[1] P/N 39903 replaced old Ag Leader cable P/N 30660.

[2] Connect to Aux port.

[3] Older GreenStars with version 5.3P mapping processor software require 9600 baud. Older GreenStars with version 5.3R mapping processor software require 4800 baud.

[4] AGCO unit requires a null modem RS-232 connection. Ag Leader cable P/N 39903 is wired correctly for connection.

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